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TO: Council Member Ikaikai Anderson, Chair  
Committee on Zoning and Planning, Honolulu City Council

FROM: Rev. Bob Nakata, Co-Chair  
Housing Task Force, Faith Action for Community Equity (FACE)

RE: **Bill 20, Relating to Accessory Dwelling Units**  
**Hearing: July 23, 2015**

Chair Anderson and members of the Committee; FACE strongly supports Bill 20 as a way to ease the severe shortage of affordable rental housing in Honolulu and thus address homelessness also. Coupled with the move towards micro-units, we are hopeful that both the housing shortage and the crisis in homelessness will be addressed.

We believe that since government funds will not be used for these ADUs, they will come on line faster than government-funded units. Reduced parking requirements near the rail line will help. Leases several months long will keep them from becoming vacation rentals. The requirement that infrastructure needs to be in place will help preserve neighborhood character. Some owners of illegal vacation rentals may even be willing to convert them into ADUs.

We urge you to support Bill 20 to help address the crisis in affordable rentals. It is not a panacea but will help.

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